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## West Valley City Deputy City Recorder Receives Master Municipal Clerk Designation

West Valley City – For more than seven years, West Valley City Deputy City Recorder Carel Hicks has worked in the City Recorder's Office. She has become well-versed in the business transactions and legislative decisions taking place in the City, and has stepped in as Acting City Recorder in the absence of the City Recorder. During the regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m., Carel will be honored by the City Council for her dedication to public service and for achieving the designation of Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC).

Carel began her career with West Valley City in 2000 as the City's Deputy City Recorder. Prior to her employment with West Valley City, she worked in the Taylorsville City Recorder's Office. She has served as the President of the Greater Salt Lake Clerk/Recorder Association, and is currently a member of the Utah Municipal Clerks Association Board.

"I can't imagine working in this office without Carel," says City Recorder Sheri McKendrick. "I never have to worry that things won't get done... and they're always done with lightning speed. Not only is she a fantastic colleague, but we've become the best of friends."

A Master Municipal Clerk is the highest designation a City Clerk can achieve. Master Municipal Clerks must fulfill an extensive list of requirements, including many hours of continued education, completion of the Certified Municipal Clerk designation, and various professional and social contributions.

There are currently 559 Master Municipal Clerks worldwide; sixteen reside in Utah. Carel's designation of Master Municipal Clerk makes West Valley City the only Utah City with two MMCs.